

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of February 2, 2005. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The Office Action

The **Disclosure** stands objected to for informalities.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 and 27-32 of US Patent No 6,729,696.

The Disclosure

Applicant has amended the Disclosure to overcome the Examiner's objection.

Rejection of Claims 1-20

Applicant is submitting a Terminal Disclaimer along with this response. Therefore, Applicant submits **claims 1-20** are in condition for allowance.

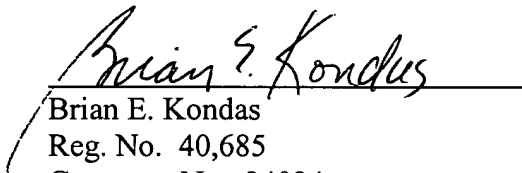
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. Early notice thereof is respectfully requested.

It is believed that there is no fee associated with the filing and consideration of this amendment. Should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all such other fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172.

Respectfully submitted,

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